IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Docket No: LAM2P258 application of: Examiner: Vinh, L. KO et al. Application No: 09/895,566 Group Art Unit: 1765 Date: January 12, 2004 Filed: June 29, 2001 For: SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT PROCESS IMPLEMENTING BIAS COMPENSATION ETCH ENDPOINT DETECTION AND METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SAME **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, > January 12, 2004. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Mail Stop: RCE Box 1450 Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other b. Enclosed Amendment (11 pages) Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iii. iv. Other _ 2. Miscellaneous

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§ 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R.

3. Fees

a. The fee has been calculated as shown below.
Claims

ENTITY TOTAL CLAIMS	Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously <u>Paid For</u>	Present <u>Extra</u>	SMALL ENT <u>RATE FEE</u>	TTY OR	LARGE RATE FEE
	19		_00	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	04	_04		X43 = \$	OR	X86 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$145		\$290
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b. \boxtimes Check in the amount of \$880.00 is enclosed for:

i.	RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e);
ii.	Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17); and
iii.	Other

c. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>LAM2P258</u>.

Date: <u>January 12, 2004</u>

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